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S. RES. 334

Designating May 2004 as National Electrical Safety Month.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 8, 2004

Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 29, 2004

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

RESOLUTION

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Whereas hundreds of individuals die and thousands are injured each year in electrical accidents;

Whereas there are on average 870 civilian deaths annually related to home fires caused by electrical distribution, appliances and equipment, and heating and air conditioning systems;

Whereas more than 2 people are electrocuted in the home, and 4 more in the workplace, each week;

Whereas property damage due to home fires caused by electrical distribution, appliances and equipment, and heating

and air conditioning systems amounts to nearly \$1,600,000,000 annually;

Whereas following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent injury or death to thousands of individuals each year;

Whereas citizens are encouraged to check their home and workplace for possible electrical hazards to help protect lives and property;

Whereas citizens are encouraged to test their smoke detectors and ground fault circuit interrupters monthly and after every major electrical storm; and

Whereas the efforts of the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) and the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) promote and educate the public about the importance of respecting electricity and practicing electrical safety in the home, school, and workplace: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 2004 as “National Elec-
3 trical Safety Month”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling upon the people of the United States
6 to observe the month with appropriate programs and
7 activities.

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